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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR LIFE AND WORK

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Thursday, August 11th. 1932.

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 a.m., August 11th, 1932, with the Lord Bishop of Chichester in the Chair, at the Hotel Beau Séjour, Geneva, Switzerland.

After the singing of two hymns from the song book " Communio " and prayer by Bishop Ammundsen, the Chairman, in the course of his opening address, said :

Chairman's Address

We are meeting in a difficult time, a time difficult for the world, difficult for our movement.

And yet it is a time which — if we could only *express* the word of God which we possess — does most sadly need the message of Jesus Christ, the witness to spiritual realities as the only realities, and the proclamation that the spiritual unity between men, especially between Christian men, is deeper than any national unity, or any international unity based only upon political or economic foundations.

It is because this Council, weak as it is, stands for that message those realities, that unity, that it means so much, and may mean so much more, just now. We know our unworthiness — our humiliation. We repeat the Stockholm note of repentance with heartfelt conviction ! And just because of that we have faith in the Kingdom of God.

We are, as we have been reminded, at a critical moment in Life and Work. And we have important decisions to make for our future. I do not want to anticipate what those decisions may be : and I know that the financial factor must be prominent in our minds. But there are certain other points to which I should like to call attention briefly in a prefatory way. Let me describe them as four needs.

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(1) The need of a closer relationship between the international organizations concerned with Christian unity. The feeling after unity is now receiving expression, it is true, through different organisations and councils. This variety of expression is perfectly intelligible to the leaders of the Churches who are engaged in the different organisations, and the leaders in one organisation are in many cases also the leaders in one or more of the others. But the variety of expression is most baffling to the mass of Churchmen. It increases the difficulty of making an International appeal to the different churches. It is not too much to say that the World Alliance, Faith and Order, and Life and Work are all causes of embarrassment, not to those engaged in working at the centre of each movement, but to the church people with whom those working at the centre ought to be in the closest touch.

At this juncture it is, in my judgment, our duty as men resolute for international Christian unity to look at the world, and at the Church of Christ as a whole, from the point of view of men who wish to bring the Christian message to bear upon present conditions with the greatest possible effect, and also wish for the greatest possible manifestation of Christian unity; therefore, not from the point of view of only the individual organisation in which we, for the moment, may be most specially interested.

(2) The need of more systematic work in our own churches and countries to educate church people generally in all that for which Life and Work stands.

It seems to me that a grave weakness in our movement is the lack of this systematic effort to interest the Churches in the different countries concerned in any really effective way. The constitution, itself, makes the Council consist of representatives of five " sections ", and it is left to the sections to use their discretion entirely as to their members. In fact what has happened is, with one or two exceptions, that the sections have not had a really definite and systematic church organisation on which they could be built up. It seems to me that it is borne in upon us from all quarters that whatever else we do, we must deepen our connection with the churches and devote our chief activity for a while to strengthening the organisation within the churches in the different countries.

(3) The need of more work by ourselves and by our movement on the fundamental principles for which the Christian religion stands in a material or secular age. We have not yet, I think, really come to grips with the centre of the Message or Word of God which, as I say, we possess but yet do not quite know how to express to our detached or sceptical or materialistic contemporaries.

I should like to see means devised by which the keen minds in the different Churches should be brought together to interpret to the present generation in terms it will understand the necessity of God in Christ : the death in all vital things, including art, science, and civilization itself, which must result from a death of the religious experience, a decay in spiritual life and theological thinking. And we ought to make opportunities for such a bringing together of our freshest Christian thinkers who would talk to us and to the younger men and women in and outside our churches who would certainly come to listen to and discuss such talking — on the fundamental problems of Christianity and the modern world order — here at our Council meetings, and in regional or local conferences which our various Sections could organize, with perhaps a little encouragement and planning at first from us.

(4) And I am sure finally that we need in ourselves, and in our own churches, a deeper spiritual experience, which is fresh and true. We are nothing of ourselves, we can do nothing of ourselves, and certainly can give nothing of ourselves. Perhaps we do not always remember this sufficiently in our efforts for others' good. Yet the Life and Work Movement, whether in the Council or in the churches or a new Stockholm Conference, can only yield the fruit which our hearts desire, by the Power of God, and so far as human effort can avail, through the constant and penitent deepening of our own inner life.

Roll Call :

The Assistant Secretary read the roll-call of the Council and the names of those who were unable to attend. Letters of apology for absence were read from Archbishop Germanos, Dr. Cadman and Pastor Gounelle.

Austria :	Dr. V. Capesius.
Bulgaria :	Prof. S. Zankow. Bishop Paissy.
Czechoslovakia :	The Patriarch G. A. Prochazka The Bishop Stejskal.
Denmark :	The Bishop V. Ammundsen. Mr. B. Rud.
Germany :	President Dr. H. Kapler. Vice-President D. Burghart. Prof. M. Dibelius. Dr. D. Hinderer. Dr. D. Hosemann.

	Dr. T. Mann.
	Prof. F. Siegmund-Schultze.
	Prälat H. Schoell.
	Dr. A. W. Schreiber.
	Dr. E. Stange.
	Dr. D. A. Titius.
Great Britain :	The Lord Bishop of Chichester.
	The Rev. E. H. Hagan (Scotland).
	The Rev. P. T. R. Kirk.
	The Lord Bishop of Lichfield.
Holland :	Prof. Slotemaker de Bruine.
India :	Mr. P. O. Philip.
Jugoslavia :	The Bishop of Novi Sad, Ireneus.
Poland :	Dr. Blau.
Sweden :	Prof. D. Runestam.
	Pastor N. Karlstrom.
Switzerland :	Prof. E. Choisy.
	Dr. A. Keller.
U. S. A. :	Dr. Henry A. Atkinson.
	Dr. Lynn H. Hough.
	The Rev. H. S. Leiper.
	Bishop J. L. Nuelsen.
	Bishop Cannon.
	Dr. D. A. Davis.
France :	Prof. Wilfred Monod.
Old Catholic Church :	Bishop A. Kury.
Representing I. L. O. :	Dr. G. Thélin.
Women Members :	Miss M. Dingman.
	Frau von Oppen.
	Mrs. A. Söderblom.
Press Representatives :	Pastor E. Marion.
	Dr. A. Müller.
Institute Staff :	Dr. H. Schönfeld.
	Miss Vallette.
	Pastor N. Ehrenström.
	Mr. P. H. Steele.
Visitors :	Dr. Wahl.
	Miss Achelis.
	Mrs. Nuelsen.
	Mrs. Bell.
	Mrs. Blau.
	Mrs. Prochazka.
	Dr. K. Böhme.
	Pastor Sjöholm.
	Mr. R. W. Brown.

The Chairman gave a special welcome to Mrs. Söderblom and Frau von Oppen, as women representatives specially invited to the Council.

The Secretariat :

The Assistant Secretary read letters of resignation from Dr. Atkinson, General Secretary for Administration, and Dr. Keller, General Secretary for Education and Extension.

The Chairman reported that the Council had to consider the possibility (recommended in 1931 by the Executive Committee) of appointing a joint General Secretary of the World Alliance and Life and Work. He said that the Rev. H. L. Henriod had been recently appointed General Secretary of the World Alliance.

The following recommendations of the Executive Committee were approved :

That the resignation of Dr. Atkinson and Dr. Keller be accepted with cordial thanks for their service to the movement.

That Dr. William Adams Brown be appointed Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Council subject to the directions of the Council and the existing rules with regard to the position of the Joint Presidents,

That the Joint Presidents be given power to appoint another person to the office of Administrative Chairman, should Dr. Brown be unable to accept.

That the following be appointed members of the Administrative Committee :

Bishop V. Ammundsen	Bishop of Chichester.
Pastor Ch. Guillon	Dr. E. Stange.

That the Rev. H. L. Henriod be appointed as General Secretary of the Universal Christian Council, at a salary to be determined by the Finance Committee.

That the Presidents be empowered to sign a contract with Pastor Henriod on behalf of the Council.

That the General Secretary, while sharing in the framing of the Budget should have no responsibility for the finances of the Council, but that, subject to the Council's direction, all expenditure should be controlled by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

That Dr. Adolf Keller be asked to accept the honorary post of Lecturer of the Universal Christian Council, making journeys for this purpose from time to time and continuing to give his witness to the Stockholm Movement by word and by pen ; and that he become the leader of a small body of lecturers who may be appointed for similar educational work, provided

it be left to the Administrative Committee to arrange the detailed steps necessary for carrying out this resolution.

That Dr. Schönfeld be re-appointed Director of Research and that the salary be paid by the Council as fixed by the Finance Committee.

That Dr. W. A. Brown, as Administrative Chairman, be asked to give his personal help and advice from time to time to the Director of Research, supplementary to such instructions as the Director may receive from the Social Commission or the Advisory Committee of Research.

That the General Secretary be asked to consider in conjunction with the officers or representatives of the different Sections in the different countries whether a closer association can be reached between the different national organisations of Life and Work, the World Alliance and Faith and Order.

That a salary as determined by the Finance Committee be paid to Mr. Steele, the Assistant Secretary, from September till Easter 1933; and that the Finance Committee be instructed to enter into negotiations with the American Section and with the World Alliance with regard to the financial arrangements for payment of the Assistant Secretary, and to report to the Administrative Committee which shall have power to decide on Mr. Steele's functions and title.

President of the Council.

It was agreed, owing to the new organisations created and to give the Council continuity in its work, to lengthen the mandate of the Acting President for the period 1933-34, provided the Presidents of the Council agree. It was voted that the Bishop of Chichester continue in office for the next two years.

Treasurer.

It was voted to accept the resignation of Dr. Atkinson as Treasurer. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed.

Archbishop of Upsala.

It was agreed to authorise the Chairman to reply to the telegram received from Dr. Eidem, Archbishop of Upsala.

The late Bishop of Winchester.

It was agreed that a memorial letter, signed by all present, be sent to Mrs. Woods.

Friday, August 12th. 1932.

The devotions of this day, by the wish of the Council, took the form of a special Memorial to the Lord Bishop of Winchester. Dr. Kapler gave a short address and Prälat Schoell offered the prayer.

Proposed World Conference.

After a prolonged discussion during the morning and afternoon in which many members of the Council took part, the following Resolution was agreed :

> In view especially of the new situation created by the economic crisis and also of the need of fuller and deeper preparation, the Council resolves that the Second Stockholm Conference be postponed from 1935 to a date, if possible, not later than 1937 ; and instructs the Administrative Committee to take immediate steps for making the necessary preparations and report to the Executive Committee which shall have power to make a decision before the next Council meeting, such decision to be communicated to all members of the Council, together with an account of the preparation already carried out and of the further preparation proposed.

Committee on Nominations.

On the proposal of the Chairman, a Sub-Committee on Nominations was appointed as follows :

Bishop of Lichfield, Rev. H. S. Leiper,
Dr. Slotemaker de Bruine, Dr. Hosemann,
Bishop of Novi Sad.

Famine in China.

Dr. Keller reported on the action taken in China for famine relief, saying that the Central Bureau had given relief to 300.000 persons in two flooded provinces and that last year the International Red Cross had taken over the whole question of relief.

Communio.

Mrs. Söderblom reported how Archbishop Söderblom had begun revision of " Communio " some time ago feeling that a more representative collection of hymns should be gathered together and that now the work was in the hands of Dr. Liedgren with Dr. Deissmann, with whom she was now in correspondence.

Finance.

It was agreed that the Treasurer have the power to use for the general budget the sum reserved for a French collaborator.

Central Bureau.

It was agreed to refer to the Nominations Committee the question of thanking the Central Bureau for its services to the Council and the question of approaching the World Alliance on matters concerning the changes in the Secretariat.

Saturday, August 13th. 1932.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Kűry, hymns No. 5 and 28 were sung.

Statement of Accounts.

Dr. Atkinson presented the statement of accounts for the past year, as follows :

I. CASH RECORD

August 1, 1931 — July 31, 1932

RECEIPTS

		Swiss. Frs.	Swiss Frs.
A.	From Sections		
	Continental European Section	21.867.60	
	British Section	7.940.40	
	American Section	30.790.00	
			60.598.00
B.	Special Contribution for the Study Conference	1.530.00	
C.	From the Central Bureau for proportionate share of rent and expenses	900.00	
D.	From the World Alliance (id) . .	690.00	
E.	From the Herstel-Europa Foundation for Basle Conference. . .	4.346.45	
F.	Sale of publications	411.43	
G.	Interest received	19.20	
			7.897.08
	Total Receipts		68.495.08

EXPENDITURES

Salaries		40.562.60
Rent and care of offices		6.817.45
Light and heat		1.21600
Office supplies		1.414.50
Multigraphing and duplicating		1.246.20
Postage and express		3.033.57
Telephone and telegraph		2.716.70
Printing and publications		8.289.65
Library and subscriptions to publications		1.074.20
Revue *Stockholm* (balance paid)		1.551.85
Translations		1.465.00
Travel		1.838.85
Consolidation		152.50
Paid to the Social Centre, Geneva		60000
Commissions		
Youth	588.20	
Theologians	623.25	
Press	3.000.30	
Social	350.00	4.561.75
Executive meeting Cambridge		3.362.50
The Study Conference, Basle		4.100.35
Incidentals and Interest		2.062.15
		86.065.82
Depreciation on furniture		428.90
Total Expenditure		86.494.72
Total Receipts		68.495.08
Surplus of expenditure over receipts from August 1, 1931 to July 31, 1932.		17.999.64

Henry A. Atkinson

Hon. Treasurer.

II. CASH STATEMENT July 31, 1932.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand August 1, 1931	16.133.53	
Received from various sources during the year up to July 31, 1932	68.495.08	
Total Receipts		84.628.61

EXPENDITURES

Paid out	86.065.82	
Spent for furniture	4.289.05	
Total Expenditures		90.354.87
Deficit*		5.726.26

* Deficit in bank as of July 31, 1932 — 7.011.90
Balance in Cash and Post Cheque
as of July 31, 1932 — 1.285.64
5.726.26

Henry A. Atkinson,
Hon. Treasurer.

Report of Finance Committee and Budget.

Dr. Stange presented the budget for 1932-33, prepared by the Finance Committee. After discussion, the report and budget were adopted as follows :

Provisional Budget for 1932-33.

Income

Final contribution of the British Group for 1931-32 (received August 1st 1932)	Frs.	600.00
Share of the American Group	"	44.000.00
Share of the European-Continental Group	"	22.000.00
Share of the British Group	"	22.000.00
Special contributions, " News Letter "		
Rent from Central Relief Bureau	"	5.000.00
		93.600.00

Expenses

Deficit of the Budget 1931-32, ending July 31st 1932	Frs.	5.726.26
Salaries. Officers	"	30.219.60
Office Staff	"	16.800.00
Rent and Cleaning, half	"	3.400.00
Light and Heating, half	"	600.00
Office Supplies	"	1.400.00
Multiplicating and Duplicating	"	750.00
Postage	"	2.500.00
Telephone and Telegraph	"	2.000.00
" News Letter "	"	4.000.00
Other printing	"	500.00
Library and Subscription for Publications	"	1.000.00
Translations	"	1.250.00
Carried Forward		70.145,86

Brought forward				70.145.86
Travel ; half for Mr. Henriod			"	2.000.00*
other travelling			"	2.000.00*
Contribution to the Social Centre in Geneva			"	600.00
Sundries and Interest			"	1.500.00
Conferences and Committees			"	2.000.00
Special Contribution for an Orthodox Conference			"	1.500.00
Commissions :	Theologians Frs.	1.000.00		
	Press . . . "	1.000.00		
	Orthodox . "	1.000.00		
	Social . . "	1.000.00		
	Youth . . "	1.000.00	"	5.000.00*
Unspecified Items			"	8.854.14**
				93.600.00

* These items of the budget will be reduced by 50%, if by April 30th 1932 a minimum of 75% = Frs. 70.200, of the contributions from the Sections have not been received.

** These items can only be used if the income permits.

Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

a) The Universal Council adopts the foregoing budget for 1932-33.

b) The recommendations of last year will be renewed : *i.e.*, that contributions from the Sections should be paid in half-yearly amounts, the first half by October 1st, and the second by March 1st.

c) The Finance Committee recommends that Mr. Gustave Hentsch be elected as Treasurer of the Oecumenical Council.

d) Mr. Leiper is authorised to make a new contract with the Central Bureau with regard to its rent.

e) Half of the agreed sums will be paid to the Commissions at the latest 31st March 1932, the payment of the balance will depend on a decision of the Administrative Committee in the light of the financial situation at the end of April 1933.

f) The Finance Committee records its special gratitude that the members of the Orthodox Section will take steps in the coming year to invite their churches to give financial support, as far as possible. To prepare the way for this action, an official letter from the four presidents will be sent to the Churches of the Orthodox group. This letter will be later followed up by the personal visit of the new General Secretary.

Decisions regarding the financial management.

In accordance with point 13 of the bye-laws, the Oecumenical Council adopts the following resolution :

a) All payments ought to be sent to the Central Treasury in Geneva, 2, Rue de Montchoisy.

b) All the bills of the Oecumenical Council before presentation for payment by the Treasurer will be approved by the Assistant Secretary (Mr. Steele).

c) The Assistant Secretary will present a survey to the Chairman of the Finance Committee at the end of each quarter (end of October, January, April and July. If the overdraft at the bank should in this survey exceed Frs. 5.000.-, the Chairman of the Finance Committee has authority to take steps to save money and to make recommendations at the next Meeting of the Administrative Committee for a reduction of the budget.

Examination of accounts.

The accounts of the Treasurer have been examined and found in order. The Finance Committee thanks the Treasurer and Mr. Steele for the careful keeping of the accounts and certifies the accounts as correct.

For the Permanent Finance Committee

D. Stange, *Chairman.*

The Council, after adopting the foregoing Budget and report, decided to ask the Administrative Committee to consider the question of personnel in the light of our Christian responsibilities to avert unemployment. It gives full power to the Committee to revise, if necessary, the other points on the budget to avoid reduction of staff for purely financial reasons. This decision should not, however, prevent changes in contracts.

Section reports for 1931-32.

Dr. Kapler spoke for the European section, followed by Prof. Monod, Bishop Ammundsen and Prof. Runestam.

Dr. Atkinson spoke for the American ; the Bishop of Lichfield for the British ; the Bishop of Novi Sad and Prof. Zankow for the Orthodox. These reports showed a continued and growing interest in the activities of the Council.

Mr. Philip, speaking for the Fifth Section, urged the necessity of getting into contact with the National Christian Councils of India, China and Japan.

The Departments of the Institute.

Reports were presented by the Officers.

Dr. Schönfeld spoke for the Research Department,

Mr. Steele, in the absence of Dr. Atkinson, presented the report of the Administrative Department.

Dr. Keller presented the report of the Extension Department.

It was voted to receive these reports and to refer all questions requiring further action to the Administrative Committee for consideration in conjunction with the new General Secretary.

Commissions' Reports.

Dr. Dibelius presented the report of the Theologians' Commission in the absence of Dr. Deissmann.

The report of the Press Commission was presented by Prof. Hinderer.

It was voted to receive these reports, with thanks to Dr· Deissman, Dr. Hinderer and the members for their work.

Disarmament.

The Bishop of Lichfield introduced the subject and after thorough discussion the following resolution was carried :

> The Universal Christian Council for Life and Work assembled at Geneva, August 9th to 13th, 1932, desires to endorse the action taken with regard to Disarmament by its Executive Committee at Cambridge in 1931 and expresses its grave dissatisfaction with the present achievements of the Disarmament Conference.
>
> It would be not only a disaster to the peace of the world, but also a scandal to the conscience of mankind, if the Conference were to end without effective results and only with a superficial compromise or a merely pretended solution.
>
> The Council gives notice of this resolution to the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches and expresses its hope that the World Alliance according to its special task within the oecumenical work should take up the whole question of Disarmament and exert its influence in the sense of the resolution of Cambridge in 1932.

Note.

The following is the text of the Declaration on Disarmament adopted at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Universal Christian Council at Cambridge, August 28th, 1931.

> (This Declaration should be substituted for the paragraph incorrectly printed on p. 18 of the Cambridge Minutes, 1931, under the names of Dr. Titius and Prof. Monod.)

Declaration.

The Universal Christian Council on Life and Work represented by its Executive Committee in session at Cambridge from the 22nd to the 20th of August, 1931, deeply moved by the death of its Honorary President, Archbishop Nathan Söderblom, asks God that, as with Elisha after the ascent of Elijah, a " double measure " of the spirit of the prophet may be granted to it.

Accordingly, loyal to the Message to Christianity prepared by the Stockholm Meeting in 1925, the Christian Council is carrying out a sacred obligation in making its voice heard at this solemn hour when the States of the world are getting ready for the Conference for the reduction and limitation of armaments.

1. In the name of Jesus Christ the Council addresses itself first of all to Christianity. It urges the great traditional Churches to intensify their work of education and warning, whether through religious instruction, preaching or theological teaching, in order that Christians may more and more turn their eyes towards new horizons and accept the tasks laid upon them in the fields of political, social and civic work. " Render unto God the things that are God's ", such is the highest duty to-day for the conscience of the followers of Christ.

The disquieting economic crisis which is sweeping through the world is a decisive warning. Unless the world succeeds in turning towards a common goal and uniting in a common effort the immense forces which are struggling together in the social storm and setting the nations at variance with each other; unless it decides to abandon the present economic régime, which is the result of the war, and to substitute for it a régime which is the issue of peace, the entire work of civilisation will be threatened with shipwreck.

Therefore, let the teachers of the young, both in the family and in the school, all the ministers who have the care of souls, all the congregations assembled for worship, and finally all Christians in their private prayers, work together in intercession for the success of the Disarmament Conference.

In this spirit the Christian Council prays for the blessing of God upon the meeting of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches.

2. The Christian Council turns next to the Governments. Seeing that they themselves have affirmed that compulsory arbitration and the Court of International Justice shall henceforth be regarded as the normal means of settling disputes between the

States* and seeing that they have formally declared, in the Pact of Paris of 1928, that all wars of aggression shall in future be branded as infamous and stigmatized as a crime, the Christian Council respectfully brings to the notice of the Governments the resolution which it adopted in the year 1930 : —

" (1) We believe that war considered as an institution for the settlement of international disputes is incompatible with the mind and method of Christ, and therefore incompatible with the mind and method of His Church.

" (2) We earnestly appeal to the respective authorities of all Christian communions to declare in unmistakable terms that they will not countenance, nor assist in any way in, any war with regard to which the Government of their country has refused a bona fide offer to submit the dispute to arbitration."

3. Finally, the Christian Council, addressing itself to the Disarmament Conference, desires to convey to it a message of confidence ; it knows that it will not confine itself to a negative proscription of war, but will proceed to a positive organisation of peace.

It therefore begs the Conference to bring about an effective reduction of armaments on land, on sea and in the air in accordance with the letter and spirit of the League of Nations*

In thus defining its attitude, the Christian Council is acting in the spirit of Him who is the predestined leader of humanity, in the spirit of Him who said : " I come not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The Christian Council assures the Disarmament Conference of the fervent sympathy of the great Churches which it represents, and does not doubt that the members of that historic Conference, being thus surrounded by a spiritual atmosphere, will be supported by the co-operation of a thinking, generous and courageous public opinion.

* Article 8 (par. I). The members of the League recognise that the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations.

Article 10. The members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the Council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.

Article 16 (par. I). Should any member of the League resort to war in disregard of its covenants under Article 12, 13 or 15, it shall *ipso facto* be deemed to have committed an act of war against all the other members of the League which hereby undertake immediately to subject it to the severance of all trade or financial relations, the prohibition of all intercourse between their nationals and the nationals of the covenant-breaking State, and the prevention of all financial, commercial or personal intercourse between the nationals of the covenant-breaking State and the nationals of any other State, whether a member of the League or not.

Traffic in Arms.

Recommendations for Dealing with Appeal of Stockholm Companions on the Traffic in Arms.

The Council desires to bring this resolution to the notice of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches and to express the hope that the Alliance will be able to deal more fully and in greater detail with the whole subject of disarmament.

Disarmament Conference.

It was voted to pass the following resolution on the lines of Prof. Monod's proposal :

The Oecumenical Council requests its President, in conjunction with the President of the World Alliance and the President of Faith and Order, to examine the practical means by which Christianity could officially affirm the universal voice of the Church at the Disarmament Conference to be held in December next.

The Council in 1934.

The following resolution was passed :

Considering that it has been decided to give a very special place to the preparation of the second Universal Christian Conference for Life and Work at the next session of the Council 1934,

The Council decides

1. that the preparation for the programme of this part of the session of 1934 be immediately undertaken, that the main points in this programme and the names of the rapporteurs be decided by the Administrative Committee and these decisions be officially ratified by the Executive Committee in 1933 ;
2. that in addition to the members of the Council, others specially interested in social Christianity and working actively in the Churches, be invited to take part in the session of 1934. A reasonable number of places should also be given to laymen, women and young people.

This resolution is designed to strengthen the decision of the Council that the session of 1934 should be an important step in

the preparation of the second World Conference and is transmitted with a strong recommendation to the executives of the Council.

Unemployment.

Dr. Titius presented the report of the Social Commission. The following resolution was adopted :

The Stockholm Conference 1925 had characterised the evils of unemployment as intolerable to the Christian conscience, and the investigation and removal of its causes as absolutely necessary. According to a decision by the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work an International Study Conference on Unemployment was held at Basle, April 25th to 29th 1932, which in agreement with the Presidents of the Universal Christian Council has published its findings in a report with the title " The Churches and the World Economic Crisis ". The Council expresses to the International Christian Social Institute, the President of the Conference, and all in any way concerned with the Conference, its warm thanks for the work done in the service of the Church, and recommends the study of this report to all Christians.

Without entering in detail into a discussion of the causes of the world economic crisis and the proposed remedies referred to in the report, the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work gives its full assent to the following findings. The Council regards it as an important task in the struggle against unemployment, that in the economic and political field the obstacles be removed which prevent a free exchange of economic forces on a world-wide scale. A final regulation of world indebtedness in a spirit of confidence and co-operation, together with an effective reduction of armaments, should be regarded as a further necessary prerequisite to a solution of the crisis. All effective measures undertaken for the purpose of providing employment and especially all efforts to provide unemployed young people with useful employment in order to safeguard their physical, moral and spiritual well-being should be supported.

The members of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, belonging to very different countries and Churches, are in fullest agreement that men, when suffering from the misery of unemployment, must be safeguarded against the harm menacing them from the world-wide economic and political tensions. It is the concern of the Church that the soul of man should not be crushed in the selfish struggle of economic groups and political forces. The Universal Christian Social Council therefore makes an urgent appeal to the Churches so to direct their influence that all those most deeply affected

by the present distress, especially the unemployed young people, may be able to see and find a way out of the distress.

It therefore makes an appeal to Christian opinion of all countries to do everything in their power to combat unemployment and successfully to overcome its consequences.

Youth Commission.

The Rev. E. J. Hagan, representing Dr. Barbour, presented the report of the Youth Commission. It was voted to receive this report with thanks to the members for their work.

The Problem of Opium and Alcohol·

It was resolved that the question of the traffic in opium and narcotics be referred to the Research Department for Study in connection with the opium work of the League and the Research Department of the International Missionary Council, and that the question of the importation of alcohol into Africa be referred to the two Research Departments jointly.

Co-operation with the World Alliance.

The following resolution upon co-operation with the World Alliance and Faith and Order *was agreed to :*

The Council asks the Administrative Committee to consult with the World Alliance and Faith and Order in making their arrangements with a view to the possibility of a closer association between the three movements in the determining of a World Conference.

Collaboration in Research.

The resolution proposed by Dr. Thélin regarding joint research was voted as follows ;

Collaboration of the International Christian Movements in the Research Field

The Council, recalling the decision taken at its session in 1930, to examine the possibility of a collaboration of the services of Christian movements, charged to carry out research work, reaffirms today this desire ; takes note of the resolution adopted in May 1932 by the Executive Committee of the World's Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, and begs the Administrative Committee to follow up this question and to report in due time on the results at future meetings.

Nominations Committee.

The report of the Nominations committee was presented as follows :

The Nominations Committee recommends the following changes or additions :

1. *In the Executive Committee :*

Officers : Bishop of Chichester, President,
Mr. H. L. Henriod, General Secretary,
Mr. Gustave Hentsch, Treasurer, should he accept,
Mr. P. H. Steele, Assistant Secretary,
Dr. A. Keller, ex-officio,
Dr. Henry A. Atkinson, to be a member of the American Section, subject to approval of the American Section,
Prof. W. A. Brown, an ex-officio member, as Chairman of the Administrative Committee,
Dr. Barbour, who had resigned, to be re-elected on the recommendation of the Youth Commission.

2. *The Council :*

That the representative from Roumania in the place of Dr. Walbaum, be nominated by the Administrative Committee, in consultation with the Roumanian Churches.

3. *As Co-opted members :*

Frau Söderblom,
Frau von Oppen,
Mrs. Nuelsen.

4. *Additions in the American Section :*

Dr. Lynn H. Hough,
Bishop Burleson,
Rev. John Langdale D. D.
Rev. Fred L. Fagley, D.D.

5. *Addition to the Orthodox Commission :*

Dr. D. A. Davis.

6. *Additions to the Theologian Commission :*

Dean A. Weigle,
Prof. Karl Barth,
Prof. A. Lehtonen (taking the place of the late Prof. Hjelt).

7. *Administrative Committee :*

Prof. William Adams Brown, Chairman,
The Bishop of Chichester,
Bishop Amundsen,
Dr. Stange,
Pastor Guillon.

8. *Resolutions :* That a resolution of thanks to the Central Relief Bureau for the valued services of Dr. Keller be sent to W. H. Fowkes, Chairman of the American Section of the Central Relief Bureau and Prof. Choisy, the Chairman of the International Committee.

Calendar Reform.

The following resolution on Calendar Reform *was agreed to :*

Whereas the Universal Christian Council in its Eisenach meeting expressed its desire for a careful survey of the projected change in the Calendar as affecting the Stabilisation of Easter, and

Whereas the League of Nations has asked the Churches to state their views on the stabilisation of Easter as a part of a general movement towards calendar reform, and has requested that religious authorities state before April 1933, what action they propose to take in this matter ; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work hereby directs its Research Department to study the subject, for the information and guidance of its membership ; and to consult the Churches of the nations regarding their view of desirable changes.

That the Council expresses its appreciation of the interest taken in this subject by the League of Nations, and its desire to co-operate fully with the League and with other bodies religious and secular in the consideration not only of Easter stabilization, but also of the general subject of calendar reform:

That the Council recommends therefore to its programme committee that the subject be given a place on the agenda of the Council in 1934 on Life and Work : and

That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the League of Nations as an indication of the action which the Council proposes to take.

Committee on co-operation with the Orthodox Churches.

The following resolution on religion in Russia was agreed to.

The Universal Christian Council is deeply distressed at the continuance of the measures violating religious liberty in Russia.

We assure the Russian Christians again of our sincere sympathy and ask them to remember that millions of Christians have in the past kept their faith in the midst of fierce persecution and have remained faithful through martyrdom to their Lord and Master.

We implore the Churches to remember the Russian Christians in their prayers and to help them to carry their cross in their sufferings. We ask the Churches to continue the Relief for the Russian Christians in support of the Russian Aid Conference uniting about 20 Relief agencies of various countries and denominations and convened by the European Central Bureau, and ask them to help the Russian Church to maintain

its life instead of contributing to its dissolution by propaganda. We pray God that he may have mercy on the Russian Christians in their distress, that He may strengthen their faith and give them in the spirit the experience and consolation of the Christian fellowship.

International Labour Office.

The following resolutions were unanimously voted :

Monsieur Albert Thomas.

1. The Council desires to express its deep sympathy to the International Labour Office, for the great loss in the person of its first director, Albert Thomas.

It remembers with gratitude the interest with which Albert Thomas followed the development of the Stockholm Movement and of the spirit of collaboration with the Churches represented in this movement, of which he gave many proofs.

Mr. H. B. Butler.

2. The Council desires to assure the new director of the International Labour Office, Mr. H. B. Butler, of its decision to continue to support effectively, and in particular always to make the work of the International Labour Office better understood. The Council regrets that a very full agenda prevented it from going to the International Labour Office.

Co-ordination of departments.

It was resolved that the General Secretary of the Universal Christian Council shall be responsible to the Council for the proper coordination of the various departments of work undertaken by the Council.

Bye-Laws.

It was resolved that the application of the Bye-Laws which refer to the offices of General Secretary for Administration and General Secretary for Education and Extension be suspended in order that the Administrative Committee may make proposals which shall be in accord with the recommendations adopted by the Council at this Meeting with regard to the appointment of a new General Secretary of the Universal Christian Council and an Administrative Committee with its Chairman.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Professor Monod for his sermon in the Cathedral and address at the Reception and for his self-denial in attending our meetings, although hearing of the death of his brother during the sessions. A vote of thanks was also passed, thanking the Chairman for his services, and a vote of thanks was passed to Professor Choisy and the Swiss Church Federation, for their hospitality and entertainment.

The Council then adjourned at 11.30 p. m.

PUBLICATIONS

1. News Letter, quarterly in English, French and German, of the activities of the Council and Institute.

2. Memorial Pamphlet to the late Archbishop of Upsala. Limited edition (gratis).

3. The Churches and the Welfare of Seamen. Studies and Documents, English series No. 3. (gratis).

4. The Churches and Present-Day Economic Problems. Studies and Documents. English series No. 4 Price 6*d*. or 20 cents a copy. I.C.F. Book Shop, 4, The Sanctuary, London, S.W.1.; or the Social Institute, 2, Rue de Montchoisy, Geneva.

5. Reports of the Study Conference, Basle, entitled : The Churches and the World Economic Crisis, 50 copies 1 shilling, or 1 d. each.

6. Addresses on the Stockholm Movement, given in Geneva by the Bishop of Chichester and Dr. Kapler in the Cathedral, and one given by Prof. W. Monod, at the reception in the Palais Eynard, 12th August, 1932. Price :

7. Minutes of the Council Meeting, in English.

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